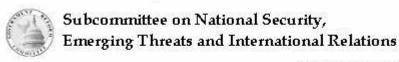
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Chairman Shays to Hold June 27<sup>th</sup> Hearing on "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women in the Military and at the Academies"

(Washington, DC)—Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations will convene an oversight hearing to examine the problem of sexual assault and violent acts directed at women in the United States Military and Academies.

Witnesses from the Department of Defense, including representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard Military Academies will discuss their policies and efforts to address the problem of sexual assault and violence against women.

Shays said, "Our military academies have a proud tradition of training elite soldiers, sailors and airmen. Restoring the integrity of these institutions and ensuring the safety of all cadets should be a top priority. The military and academy leadership must ensure that our men and women who honorably serve our country are fully aware sexual assault and harassment will not be tolerated and victims who come forward will receive support, medical care and legal protections."

The hearing, "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women in the Military and at the Academies" is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, at 2:00 pm in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC.

## Committee on Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations

"Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women in the Military and at the Academies"

### **Witness List**

# Panel I

### Ms. Delilah Rumberg

Executive Director
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
National Sexual Violence Resource Center

### **Ms. Christine Hansen**

Executive Director The Miles Foundation, Inc.

#### Ms. Beth Davis

Former United States Air Force Academy Cadet

### Panel II

### Dr. Kaye Whitley

Acting Director Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Department of Defense

## **Vice Admiral Rodney P. Rempt**

Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy

## Brigadier General Robert L. Caslen, Jr.

Commandant of the United States Military Academy

### **Brigadier General Susan Y. Desjardins**

Commandant of the United States Air Force Academy

# **Rear Admiral Paul J. Higgins**

Director of Health & Safety, United States Coast Guard